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1. The Shaulyai airfield (55°56'N/23°18'E) airfield, Lithuanian S.S.R., is located about 2 km southeast of the Shaulyairrailroad station, between the railroad line and the road. The landing field, which took up about two-thirds of the total airfield, was about 2 km square. The field was an old military installation and the hangars were still destroyed. It was used by air units of the Sixth Army during the maneuvers in 1946. The east-west runway was crossed by three north-south runways. The north-south runways were 250 meters long and led to a taxiway, at least 50 meters wide, which led around the entire landing field. Since the quartering facilities were destroyed the airfield personnel were quartered in the town.
2. The field was temporarily occupied by single-engine aircraft fitted with radial engines, and twin-engine craft which also had radial engines and single rudder assembly.
3. The airfield located southeast of Shaulyai near the railroad line and a large lake measured about 2.5 x 3 km and had a concrete runway, 1,200x50 meters. Parallel to this runway, there were two other concrete runways which were only half the length of the first runway and not quite as wide. The quartering buildings were outside the field on both sides of the road to Shaulyai. The field had hangars, a repair shop and an administration building.
4. The field was occupied by more than 100 aircraft, most of them twin-engine planes. Individual and formation flying, individual parachute jumps, firing and bomb release practice were observed.
5. The large airfield located near Shaulyai on the railroad line had two landing fields. Twenty-seven hangars (sic) marked with consecutive numbers from 1 to 27 were in the airfield area. The field had a railroad connection and two concrete taxiways.

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6. In March 1948 the field was occupied by about 100 bombers and trainers. Aircraft with attached bombs were observed taking off.
7. The field was occupied by several hundred men.

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